

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-65-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of the upcoming Primary Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Review. Previously, during June 2003, the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), conducted California's Initial Primary Review. The 2003 Initial Primary Review resulted in eight error cases out of the case sample size of 80 cases. The allowable error rate was 10 percent (eight cases); therefore, California passed the review.

The upcoming Primary Review will be conducted between July 31, 2006 and August 4, 2006. The six-month period under review (PUR) will be October 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006. The case sample size will be 80 cases. The allowable error rate of the review will be 5 percent (four cases).

The purpose of the Primary Review is to determine whether payments were made on behalf of eligible children and to eligible homes and institutions in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1356.71 and Sections 471 and 472 of the Social Security Act. The scope of the Review is threefold: 1) to determine whether federal funds were claimed for eligible children and providers in all Title IV-E placements; 2) to identify any duplicate payments, overpayments, underpayments, and erroneous payments; and 3) to identify any additional training, technical assistance; and other strategies needed for program improvement.

The CDSS will be providing technical assistance to the counties in order to prepare for the review. This technical assistance will focus upon the appropriate documentation required. Additional specific information regarding the technical assistance training, and any other pertinent Primary Review information, will be forthcoming.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact your county's Funding and Eligibility Consultant at (916) 651-9152.

Sincerely,

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